

House Resolution No. 734

Whereas, Dr. Samuel Achilefu has attained considerable distinction for his outstanding research and development work in the field of optical imaging; and

Whereas, on February 23, 2008, Dr. Samuel Achilefu will enhance his already impressive record of achievement when he receives well-deserved Achievers recognition at the Blacks in Science Awards Dinner; and

Whereas, a collaborative project between the Forest Park Southeast Development Corporation and the Saint Louis Science Center, the Blacks in Science Day Forum and Blacks in Science Awards Dinner will attract more than three hundred scientists, educators, students, corporations, and community leaders; and

Whereas, in addition to its educational function, the Blacks in Science Day Forum and Blacks in Science Awards Dinner raise funds to support youth programs and scholarships in science fields for African American and disadvantaged youth; and

Whereas, the Blacks in Science initiative works to increase diversity in the classroom and the workplace through recognition and support of varying skill sets in order to contribute to individual, social, and global growth and prosperity; and

Whereas, following its motto to "Expose. Explore. Empower", the Blacks in Science initiative takes as its mission to increase exposure of black youth to meaningful science-related experiences, provide opportunities for underserved youth to explore science and technology, and to empower students academically, socially, and economically; and

Whereas, Dr. Samuel Achilefu has proven down through the years to be a person whose accomplishments make him worthy of emulation as a professional of the highest standing in the sciences:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the selection of Dr. Samuel Achilefu for an Achievers award from the Blacks in Science initiative and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Samuel Achilefu.

Offered by _____
Representative Rachel Storch
District No. 64

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 734, adopted February 20, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker